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Fabrication Layout for Correcting Proximity
Effects

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before beginning a substantive examination of the above application, please replace and cancel the following claims as indicated.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 is replaced with:

1. (Amended) A method of correcting for proximity effects in a layout, the layout including a first layout for a trim mask and a second layout for a phase-shifting mask, the trim mask and the phase-shifting mask used to fabricate a wafer, the method comprising:

identifying edges of the first and second layouts that will print on the wafer;

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